



The President's Daily Brief

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CAMBODIA

Elements of the Chenla column on Route 6 came under Communist harassment near Tang Kouk for the fourth consecutive day on 10 October.

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A mortar attack on a government battalion about nine miles southeast of Phnom Penh late on 9 October may have been timed for effect on the Republic Day festivities.

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Siem Reap city to the northwest of the capital and Kompong Cham to the east were shelled the same day. Several major elements of the Viet Cong 9th Division have recently assembled at a plantation near Kompong Cham, and intercepted messages have mentioned plans to attack the city.

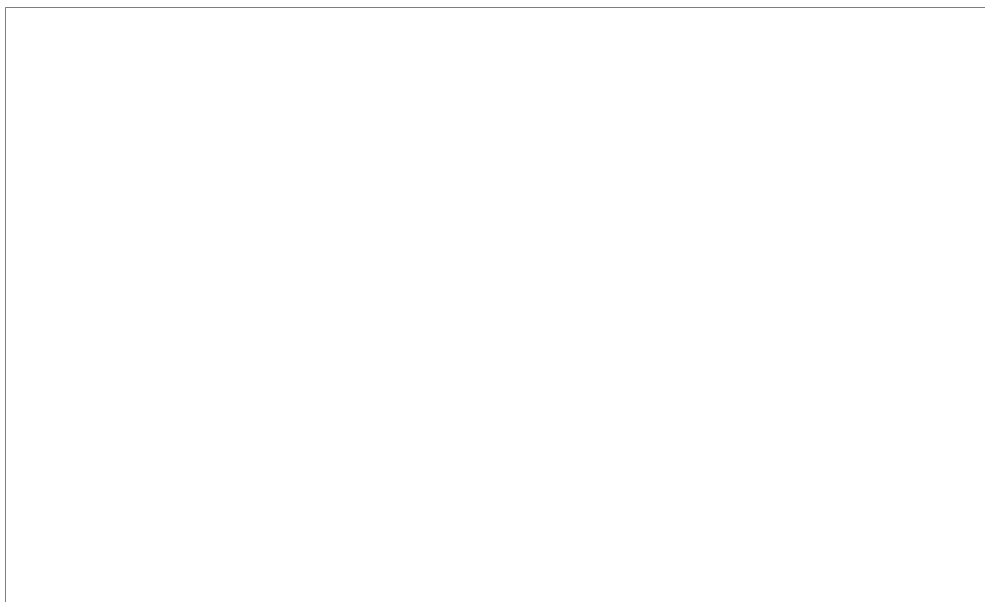
BOLIVIA

The country is settling down but there are already cracks in the coalition put together by General Torres. Labor tends to view his new cabinet as a reinstallation of the "old guard," but is staying in line for the present. Students are even more disappointed at the cabinet's lack of a radical image and are now regarding themselves as a politically independent force. Torres has not gained the full support of the military and remains under pressure from them to adopt a moderate course. Meanwhile, General Miranda has left his refuge in the Paraguayan Embassy

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There does not appear to be an immediate threat to the Torres government, but active military opposition could rapidly develop if Torres veers to the left in an effort to regain the full support of labor and students.

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USSR-INDOCHINA

Moscow, following North Vietnam's lead, has issued its strongest criticism of the President's speech through an article in Pravda which attacks the US five points as "legalizing and perpetuating US intervention in Indochina." Moscow's rapid move to discredit the US proposals is probably partly inspired by a desire to avoid any suggestion that it would use its influence to gain Hanoi's acceptance. It also suggests that the USSR is concerned that the US has captured the initiative and wants to refocus attention on the Communist peace plan.

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